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MEMORANDUM

September 18, 1967

Re: CLAY SHAW (2)

DAVID FERRIE

DEAN ANDREWS

(+ copy for Florida check-out  
with Louisa BIGGS)

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, Assistant District Attorney

RE: EDWARD JAMES WHALEN, W/M 43  
F.B.I. #346-8982

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Oval County Jail  
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he is a Prisoner

Deputy Shirley

Fed Prisoner

fed Marshall Contact  
charged with escape  
since 7/1/67

~~He~~ No Contact with them  
all fed.



Mr. James Garrison  
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Orleans Parish  
New Orleans,  
Louisiana

August 31, 1967

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I am writing at  
this time to assure you that you  
are absolutely correct in your beliefs  
and theories in regards to events that  
took place in New Orleans and Baton  
Rouge, La. All of which will be fully  
substantiated, supported and corroborated by  
me as a direct result of my close  
association with Clay Shaw, Dave Ferris,  
Lante Marachini, and Perry R. Ruzio.

It is my understanding that Shaw has  
stated he never met Dave Ferris, nor  
was never in Dave's Apartment; this is  
completely false and easily disproved!  
It is a matter of Court Record, and the  
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those matters under investigation. In  
your many months before your case  
(See Page #)

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→ became general knowledge to the public at large. This primarily came about as a result of my last visit to New Orleans during Mardi Gras of 1965. I had several lengthy talks with some of the principals, at times in the "Absinthe House" & others at the residence on Dauphine Street. It may interest you to know that there was grave concern over you at that time and there were discussions of the necessity of your physical elimination. It may also interest you to know that some of the principals have been receiving funds from the C.I.A., for they have a vested interest in the matter. Dave Ferris told me that Oswald had been an Agent of the Central Intelligence Agency. So we can both understand their desire to cover up! Dean Andrews was on the "take" as far back as February, 1965 and (see other side)

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→ was in our company on several occasions, but did not take part in the discussions during the time I was present. Ever since it became known that I was associated with and in the company of Clay Shaw and Dave Ferrie during my last visit to New Orleans during Mardi Gras of 1965. I have been questioned, harassed, intimidated, threatened, promised certain things and hounded around the country by Agents of the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Secret Service. They have tried to get me to reveal what Clay Shaw & Dave Ferrie had to say. And, all this long before your investigation became known! Just recently (July 29, 1969) I was again interviewed by the Secret Service. Agent William A. Walker saw me and stated he would return. (Shaw acknowledges)

Respectfully, Edward J. [unclear]



# PHILADELPHIA PRISONS

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Philadelphia, Pa., 19136

HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
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## VISITING INFORMATION:

Monday to Friday 12:30 to 3:15 P. M. No visiting on Legal Holidays.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with A, B, or C will be on Monday.  
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UNSENTENCED INMATES: Allowed two (2) visitors. Each visitor allowed one (1) visit per week.

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Not more than two (2) visitors allowed on same day.

For your information: Inmates can purchase cigarettes, candy, toilet articles, etc. from the commissary. Send money Orders or Certified mate—do not send packages, cash or personal checks. Magazines, if approved, may be mailed directly to the inmate from the publisher on a regular subscription basis.

This letter to be mailed to:

Date: 8/30/68

Address your reply to:

Name Mr. Jim Garrison,  
Address District Attorney's Office  
City New Orleans State La. Zip 70112

Name Edward J. Whalen  
Number 68-05398 P.O. Box 6268  
Phila., Pa. 19136

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I wrote You a lengthy letter on August 12th, 1968. It was a most important letter in regards to Your Investigation and I will have no way of knowing if You have ever received my letter unless You get a Reply to me. I call Your attention to the fact I have been transferred again, since writing to You on the 12th. of August, just past. I also call Your attention to the incontestable fact that the District Attorney for Philadelphia County is Arlen Specter who was also the Associate Counsel for the Warren Commission, and who is the sole proponent of the "One Bullet" theory, which is in total disregard of the facts as known. In a most interesting sidelight; for years Specter was a solid Democrat and a active member of the Americans for Democratic Action. In November of 1965 he switched and ran as a Republican for the Office of District Attorney. Immediately after being Elected, he began running for Mayor of Philadelphia. Just last November, he lost by 11,000 Votes. He means to be Governor of this State. Let me hear from You? Edward J. Whalen



- with a Photostatic Copy of my letter to you by Mr. Alcock. (as a means of Identification) This was not done, even though I asked several times. This refusal by Mr. Alcock inspired no confidence in me. Coupled with the fact that you had assured me I would not be harassed further by the Secret Service and Central Intelligence Agents. You stated they were beginning to agree with your wishes and I would not be bothered further. Well, since writing to you and talking to you on the phone and the interview with Mr. Alcock, they have begun again with a new vigilance. Do you not know that some of your so-called "Witnesses" are in the pay of the C.I.A. and are forced to you in order to dilute and discredit your well founded investigation? Some of the attorneys who represent suddenly "reluctant" witnesses draw funds from - the C.I.A. Over looking the fact that both Bertrand & Lee Oswald had the - unlisted Phone Number of Jack Ruby, how many people know that Jack Ruby and Lee Oswald and Bertrand met in Baton Rouge, La. on September 3rd., 1963 - ? Even going beyond that, how many know just how Bertrand got to Baton Rouge, La. on the date of that meeting just nineteen days before the murder of John F. Kennedy. The ultra Right Wing in this Country is determined that no male member of the Kennedy's shall survive. Check closely and you'll find that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was also once on the Payroll of the Central Intelligence Agency. Ironically, so also was Pedro Martinez of the Canal Street fight. Edward Kennedy will be eliminated next, and very soon if he accepts Vice Presidency. They silenced Dave Ferris with Succinylcholine Chloride. Please reply & furnish letter of 8/31/68 - ? Respectfully,  
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CHECK WITH  
DOCTOR



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Detention Center

To: ALCOCK

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VISITING INFORMATION:

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 P.M.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with A, B or C will be on Monday.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with D, E, F, G or H will be on Tuesday.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with I, J, K, L or M will be on Wednesday.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with N, O, P, Q, R or S will be on Thursday.  
Visits for inmates whose last names begin with T, U, V, W, X, Y or Z will be on Friday.  
UNSENTENCED INMATES: Allowed two (2) visitors. Each visitor allowed one (1) visit per week.

SENTENCED INMATES: Allowed four (4) visitors. Each visitor allowed one (1) visit every two (2) weeks.  
Not more than two (2) visitors allowed on same day.

For your information: inmates can purchase cigarettes, candy, toilet articles, etc. from the commissary. Send Money Orders or Certified Checks made out to the inmate—do not send packages, cash or personal checks. Packages, if approved, may be mailed directly to the inmate from the publisher on a regular subscription basis.

This letter to be mailed to:

Date: 8/12/68

Address your reply to:

Name Mr. Jim Garrison, Esq.  
Address District Attorney's Office  
City New Orleans, La. State La. Zip 70112

Name Edward J. Whalen  
Number 68-05398 P.O. Box 6207

Phila., Pa., 19136

Dear Mr. Garrison:

As you well know, I wrote to you on August 31st., 1967. As a result of my letter to you, you sent a telegram to me directing me to call you Long Distance Collect, (from Jacksonville, Fla) and this I did, and spoke to you personally and made certain arrangements for an interview with one of your assistants. (James Alcock) On September 14th., 1967 Mr. Alcock flew to Jacksonville - Florida and interviewed me for about three hours. Because of the room in the Duval County Jail, and because I lacked confidence in Mr. Alcock, I revealed to him only a portion of that information vital to your investigation and prosecution of Clem Bertrand. I did not reveal I went to Dallas myself and took many inside and outside photographs and measurements inside and outside of the Texas School Book Depository. I also talked to other persons in Dallas. (Some of whose pictures Mr. Alcock had and showed to me) which I chose not to identify for my own protection. You made an agreement with me that you would furnish me

evaluate for me. Only you can really evaluate him. Is it possible to know James? J.E.



Received Aug '77

Re: Edward J. Whalen (additional material)

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Re: Fanni + Sherr  
attempt on J's life  
(for later review again)